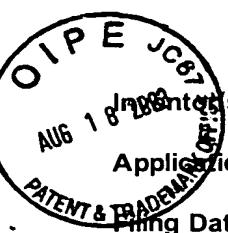


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INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION DATED JUNE 17, 2003I. Status of claims

Claims 1-21 are pending.

II. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Garg (U.S. 6,144,945) in view of Salvo (U.S. 6,314,271).

A. Independent claim 1

The Examiner has concluded that:

Based on the teaching of Salvo et al., it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify Garg et al. system to incorporate the inventory price source module of Salvo et al. as a source for many set of input values in the Garg et al. process

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